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House Bill No. 6382

House of Representatives, March 29, 2011

The Committee on Banks reported through REP. TONG of the 147th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BANKING FUND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 36a-65 of the general
- 2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
- 3 (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

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- 4 (a) The commissioner shall annually, on or after July first for the
 - fiscal year commencing on said July first, collect pro rata based on
- 6 asset size from each Connecticut bank and each Connecticut credit
- 7 union an amount sufficient in the commissioner's judgment to meet
- 8 the expenses of the Department of Banking, including a reasonable
- 9 reserve for contingencies, provided the commissioner shall not collect
- 10 such amount from a newly organized Connecticut credit union until
- 11 July first following the third full calendar year after issuance by the
- 12 commissioner of such credit union's certificate of authority. Such
- 13 assessments and expenses shall not exceed the budget estimates
- submitted in accordance with section 36a-13. Such assessments may be
- 15 made more frequently than annually at the discretion of the

commissioner. Such assessments for any fiscal year shall be reduced pro rata by the amount of any surplus from the assessments of prior fiscal years, which surplus shall be maintained in accordance with subdivision [(4)] (5) of subsection (b) of this section. The commissioner may reduce any such assessment collected from a Connecticut bank up to the amount of any assessment for the same fiscal year collected from such bank by another state in which such bank has established a branch, limited branch or mobile branch. The commissioner may reduce any such assessment collected from a Connecticut credit union up to the amount of any assessment for the same fiscal year collected from such credit union by another state in which such credit union has established a branch. Such assessments for any fiscal year shall be a liability of such banks and credit unions as of the assessment date. Except as provided in this subsection, such assessments shall not be prorated for any reason.

- (b) (1) Each such bank and credit union shall pay the commissioner the amount allocated to it [within] <u>not later than</u> twenty business days from the [time] <u>date on which</u> the commissioner mails a notice to it of the amount due. [, with an additional two hundred dollars if the amount allocated is not paid in the time specified. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any person required to pay the commissioner any fee for license or registration or the whole cost of all examinations made by the commissioner.]
- (2) Each such bank and credit union shall pay the commissioner an additional two hundred dollars if the amount allocated is not paid in the time specified in subdivision (1) of this subsection. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any person required to pay the commissioner any fee for license or registration or the whole cost of all examinations made by the commissioner. The State Treasurer shall place all funds received by the commissioner pursuant to this subdivision into the General Fund.
- [(2)] (3) The State Treasurer shall place all funds received from the commissioner and all moneys received from any person for documents

49 or reports sold by the commissioner pursuant to subdivision (1) of

- 50 <u>subsection (b) of this section</u> in a special fund to be known as the State
- 51 Banking Fund. Amounts in the fund may be expended only pursuant
- 52 to appropriation by the General Assembly.
- [(3)] (4) The Comptroller shall determine for each fiscal year the expenses of the Department of Banking.
- [(4)] (5) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall examine the State Banking Fund annually after the Comptroller has made his determination and shall direct the Treasurer to set aside within the Banking Fund amounts in excess of a reasonable reserve for contingencies, which excess amounts shall be considered a surplus for the purposes of subsection (a) of this section.
- Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2011*) Any fines, civil penalties or restitution imposed by the Banking Commissioner or ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with section 36a-50, 36a-53 or 36a-57 of the general statutes shall be deposited into the General Fund.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following					
sections:					
Section 1	July 1, 2011	36a-65(a) and (b)			
Sec. 2	July 1, 2011	New section			

BA Joint Favorable

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 12 \$	FY 13 \$
Banking Dept.	BF - Revenue Loss	1,500,000	1,500,000
Banking Dept.	GF - Revenue	1,500,000	1,500,000
	Gain		

Note: BF=Banking Fund; GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a revenue loss of \$1,500,000 to the Banking Fund and a revenue gain of \$1,500,000 to the General Fund by shifting the revenue from various fees, fines and civil penalties from the Banking Fund to the General Fund.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation and the number of fines assessed.

OLR Bill Analysis HB 6382

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BANKING FUND.

SUMMARY:

This bill shifts the following funds from the Banking Fund to the General Fund: (1) the \$200 fee that Connecticut banks and credit unions must pay if they do not pay their annual assessment for the Banking Department's expenses in a timely fashion and (2) fines, civil penalties, or restitution imposed by the banking commissioner or ordered by a court stemming from violations of the banking laws. The bill does not increase the amount of any such fees or fines.

The bill also makes technical changes.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Banks Committee

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Joint Favorable
Yea 11 Nay 6 (03/15/2011)
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